

RENEW FIERCE
BOMBARDMENT
NEAR VERDUN

Terrific Fire by Heavy Guns
May Mean That the Kaiser
Will Plan to Renew the
Attack on the French Forti-
fied Position Which Re-
sisted First Offensive

GERMANS CAPTURE
VILLAGES IN WOEVRE

Manhuelles Was Taken, but
French Claim That by a
Counter-Attack They Re-
gained the Western Edge
of the Village and Are Still
Holding It

What may mean a renewal of the Ger-
man drive on Verdun in the terrific force
which marked the initial attack is con-
tained in the announcement from Paris
to-day that the bombardment to the
north of the fortress is assuming great-
er intensity. The heaviest infantry
fighting last night seems to have been in
the Woivre district, southeast of the
fortress, where the Germans attacked
and captured the village of Manhuelles.
The French declare that in a counter-
attack they regained the western bound-
ary of the village which they are still
holding.

The German official statement also
claims the capture of Champlon and an-
nounces that troops have passed Dippes,
Abacourt and Blanche.

The German war office also announced
that a small armored work northwest of
Douaumont was stormed by the Ger-
mans. Berlin announced the total of
unwounded French prisoners taken at
16,573.

The Russians are energetically con-
tinuing their campaign in Armenia. Ad-
vices from Petrograd declare the Turkish
forces are hastily evacuating Trebizond
on the Black sea.

CRUISER PROVENCE
LOST BY FRENCH
IN MEDITERRANEAN

Official Announcement Was Made in Par-
is That the Vessel Was Sunk Last
Saturday and That 296 Sur-
vivors Reached Malta.

Paris, via London, Feb. 29.—The aux-
iliary cruiser La Provence was sunk in the
Mediterranean sea last Saturday, it was
announced officially to-day. At Malta
296 survivors have been landed.

Four hundred survivors are also re-
ported to have landed at Milo.

La Provence was one of the largest
and finest French line vessels and was
requisitioned for naval service at the out-
break of the war.

ITALY COMMITS
HOSTILE ACT
ON GERMANY

Government Has Requisitioned 34 Ger-
man Steamers Interned in Italian
Ports Which Probably Will
Lead to Declaration
of War.

London, Feb. 29.—It was announced in
the House of Commons to-day that the
Italian government has requisitioned 34
German steamers interned in Italian
ports.

HAND-TO-HAND
FIGHTING NOW

West of Douaumont Fort the French
Drove Germans from Small Redoubt
—East of Verdun the Germans
Pressed French Back.

London, Feb. 29.—German assaults and
French counter-charges continue north of
Verdun, where the battle is still raging
fiercely. The German infantry attacked
several times yesterday, but were driven
back by the French fire and counter-
attacks in this region, according to the
official communication issued by the Par-
is war office last night.

Hand-to-hand encounters occurred west
of Fort Douaumont and the Germans
were driven from a small redoubt which
they had taken. Fort Douaumont is in
ruins, and the Germans who captured it
are now encircled by the French line, it
is announced from Paris.

The weight of the French infantry
pressure on the northern front of Verdun
is intensified in the German official re-
port, which declares that new masses of
French troops failed in repeated at-
tempts on the German lines near Doua-
umont, but Berlin makes no claim to-day
of further gains in that section.

To the east of Verdun, however, the
Germans have pushed the French to six
miles from the city. On the north-
west, Berlin announces the Kaiser's troops
captured the entire Champagneville penin-
sula, west of Popper hill.

Thus the German line of partial invest-

ment sweeps in an arc of about a third
of a circle, distant approximately five
miles all the way.

BRITISH CASUALTIES.

Total During February Was 739 Officers
and 17,847 Men.

London, Feb. 29.—The British casual-
ties in all theatres, published during Feb-
ruary, total 739 officers and 17,847 men.

U. S. TAKES HAITI
PROTECTORATE

By Treaty Which Was Ratified by the
Senate Late Yesterday This Country
Assumes Well-nigh Full Charge
of Turbulent Island Republic.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 29.—The Sen-
ate yesterday unanimously ratified the
treaty with Haiti under which the United
States assumes protectorate over the
turbulent island republic, taking over
control of its finances and police guaran-
teeing its territorial integrity and under-
taking to develop its resources. The
treaty already has been approved by the
Haitian congress and its terms virtually
are in operation under the eye of a
strong American marine expedition.

This treaty was negotiated last year
with the D'Artigue government set up
after marines and bluejackets, under
Rear Admiral Caperton had put down
the revolution which overthrew President
Vilbrun Guillaume. During the preceding
few years Haiti had seen eight presidents
deposed and most of them murdered or
exiled. Guillaume was dragged from the
French legation and killed. The possi-
bility of European intervention to protect
foreign lives and property and insure the
payment of foreign loans was being dis-
cussed when the American forces took
charge of affairs on the island.

The principal articles provide for
American supervision of the finances and
the collection of customs, American su-
pervision of the payment of the public
debt, inquiry into the validity of exist-
ing debts and regulation of the contract-
ing of future debts, policing of the re-
public by a native constabulary officered
for the present by Americans, interven-
tion by the United States if necessary
to preserve order and for guaranteeing
territorial integrity and independence,
development of Haitian resources under
American auspices.

It is set forth particularly that the
United States shall by its good offices
aid the Haitian government in proper
and efficient development of its agricul-
tural, mineral and commercial resources,
and in establishment of the finances of
the republic on a solid basis.

When formal ratifications have been
exchanged the president of Haiti will
appoint, on nomination by the president
of the United States, a general receiver
and such employees as may be necessary
who shall collect, receive and apply all
customs duties on imports and exports
accruing at Haitian ports. There also
will be appointed on recommendation of
President Wilson a financial adviser, who
will be an officer attached to the min-
istry of finance to lend aid to that de-
partment of the government.

ENGINEER FAILED
TO TAKE WARNING
OF SET SIGNALS

Coroner Mix Finds That New Haven
Employee, Now Dead, Was Respon-
sible for Collision Which
Caused 10 Deaths.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 29.—The fail-
ure of William R. Curtis, the engineer of
an extra passenger train, to observe the
signal set against his train was responsi-
ble for the collision of his train with a
stalled train at Milford on Feb. 22, and
the consequent loss of 10 lives, accord-
ing to the finding of Coroner Eli Mix,
which was announced to-day.

FELIX DIAZ GOES
TO START REVOLT

Eluded United States Agents, Who Were
Ordered to Watch Him and Sailed
from New Orleans Last Night.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 29.—Felix Diaz,
who has been watched for several months
by department of justice agents because
of suspected activities in violation of
American neutrality, apparently has left
the United States for Mexico with the
intention of launching a new revolution
against the Carranza de facto govern-
ment. Information reaching officials here
indicate that he hopes to organize and
lead the troops of his native state, Oax-
aca, and such other forces in southern
Mexico as he can gather about him.

General Diaz left New Orleans Friday
for Havana, where several Mexicans
whose names have been associated with
his in reports of a revolutionary move-
ment, were understood to be awaiting
him. Theodore Dehesa, a former governor
of Vera Cruz, and General Aureliano
Blanco, war minister under Huerta,
were reported to be among them.

Although Diaz eluded the federal
agents detailed to watch him, department
of justice officials say that since no evi-
dence warranting his arrest has been
found, and as he left this country, ac-
cording to reports, as a private citizen
of Mexico and not as a leader of any or-
ganized revolutionary movement, noth-
ing probably could have been done to de-
tain him.

General Diaz, a nephew of the former
Mexican president of that name, has
been absent from Mexico since Huerta,
whom he helped establish in power, sent
him abroad on a diplomatic mission. Most
of this time he has spent in the United
States and although he was suspected of
being connected with the revolutionary
plot for which Huerta and several others
were indicted, no direct evidence
against him ever developed.

EXPLOSION KILLED TWO

And 100 May Have Been Injured at
St. Louis.

St. Louis, Feb. 29.—Two women
known to have been killed and many
persons injured, seven seriously, when
five cases of dynamite stored in a small
building for use in sewer construction
work, exploded late yesterday at Maple-
wood, a suburb. Thirty houses were de-
molished.

SHOCK FELT
MANY MILES

As Building in High Ex-
plosive Plant at Woburn,
Mass., Blew Up

FIRE FOLLOWED
THE DETONATION

Officials of the New England
Manufacturing Co. Deny
Outside Agencies Cause

Woburn, Mass., Feb. 29.—The plant
of the New England Manufacturing com-
pany, which is engaged in making high
explosives for the entente allies, was
the scene of an explosion early to-day
which wrecked one building and damaged
another. Fire started and although it
was still smoldering this forenoon, it
was under control and there was no
danger of spreading to other combustible
property. Of the eight men who were
working on the night shift only one,
Frank H. Cornett, was slightly injured.

The indications to-day, gained from
the statements of the company officials,
including Captain W. E. McKay of Bos-
ton, the president, and from a general
inquiry were that the explosion was ac-
cidental and without connection with any
outside agency. A rumor that one of the
guards started, just before the explosion,
to investigate a noise which he thought
might have been made by a man climb-
ing the fence surrounding the buildings,
was the only suggestion of an outside
agency.

An explanation of the explosion ad-
vanced authoritatively was that certain
elements in the explosive compound
known as trinitrotol failed to fuse when
thrown together in the vat. The result
was a hissing as these several acids
proved incompatible, a flash of flames
when unexpected chemical action took
place and, ultimately, an explosion which
demolished the building in which the vat
was located. Another building 100 feet
away, in which benzol was prepared, was
partly smashed, but the chemicals were
not affected. The shock of the explosion
was felt for many miles.

The fire was one of several which, to-
gether with minor explosions, have oc-
curred within six months. In each case
the officials of the company stated they
found no indication that outside agencies
were responsible. The loss in to-day's
explosion is estimated by the officials at
\$50,000.

The plant was situated in a remote
section of North Woburn away from the
residential quarter, but 19 other build-
ings where heavy war orders were being
filled are nearby. Among these struc-
tures are those of the Merrimack Chemi-
cal company. So great was the confusion
immediately following the explosion that
it was not known whether there was any
loss of life.

A general alarm of fire was promptly
turned in, and as a precautionary mea-
sure an emergency call was sent for all
the available ambulances in the city. Many
physicians, aroused by the violent
explosion which shattered windows over
a wide radius also hastened to the scene
in automobiles. The plant had been heav-
ily guarded ever since it had been enlarged
to take care of war contracts. A few
months ago, following a series of small
explosions of unexplained origin, these
guards had been doubled and every pre-
caution taken to keep strangers away.

DIED FROM FLAMES.

Maine Woman Was Alone When Lamp
Exploded.

Orrington, Me., Feb. 29.—Mrs. Ellen
Shiel, aged 75, who lived alone at Orr-
ington Corner, lost her life yesterday
afternoon by suffocation and burns,
caused by the explosion of a lamp which
she was lighting in her kitchen.

Neighbors saw smoke and flames com-
ing from the house. Dr. George B. Tib-
betts, who lives nearby, with much dif-
ficulty forced his way through the smoke
into the kitchen and brought the body of
Mrs. Shiel outside. Her clothing was
nearly all burned off, but later develop-
ments indicated that she was suffocated
by smoke.

Dr. Tibbetts was somewhat burned
about the face and hands and suffered
from inhaling smoke. The fire was ex-
tinguished after the house was damaged
\$100 or more.

Mrs. Shiel was born in England. Her
first husband was Capt. George Bartlett
of Orrington and her second Capt. James
Shiel of Brooklyn. She passed much of
her life at sea and visited nearly all of
the principal ports of the world.

HENRY JAMES DEAD.

American Novelist Turned British Be-
cause of War.

London, Feb. 29.—Henry James, the
novelist, died yesterday.
Henry James was born an American,
but died a British subject. In July, 1915,
he took the oath of allegiance to the
crown, explaining that he had lived and
worked in England for 40 years and had
developed such an attachment for the
country and sympathy with its people
that he desired to throw his moral weight
and personal allegiance into the British
cause in the European war.

The distinguished novelist, critic, and
playwright, was born in New York, April
15, 1843. His father, Henry James, sr.,
was noted as a writer on ethics and re-
ligion; and his younger brother, William,
was later to become distinguished as a
psychologist. The family was possessed
of an ample fortune, the foundation of
which was laid by the novelist's grand-
father, of Scotch-Irish descent, who mi-
grated from Ulster soon after the Revolu-
tionary war and became a successful
merchant at Albany, N. Y.

COURT PREPARING
AN OPINION
ON ELIGIBILITY

Judge Watson Is Understood to Be Writ-
ing an Interpretation of the Law
Relating to the Right to Vote
on Referendum.

Although, when adjournment was taken
yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the
Vermont supreme court, it was an-
nounced that court would come in at 9
o'clock this morning, after court had
heard arguments on the petition brought
by Thomas W. Martin of Brookfield, a
delinquent taxpayer, against the Brook-
field board of civil authority, to compel
the board to place his name on the check-
list, an opinion on the matter which, it
is understood, is being written by Jus-
tice John H. Watson was not completed
this forenoon and a decision may not be
made until to-morrow morning.

It is anticipated that the decision will
practically govern the action of civil au-
thority boards in other towns and cities
and the state and the opinion is awaited
with a considerable amount of anxiety,
although it is generally conceded that
the court will rule in favor of allowing
delinquents to vote on the two state-
wide questions, the primary election law
and the so-called Perry bill.

Arguments on the test case occupied
about an hour yesterday afternoon.
Lient. Gov. Hale K. Darling appearing in
behalf of the petitioner and Attorney
John N. Harvey of Barre for the Brook-
field authorities.

Lient. Gov. Darling said the petitioner
resided in the town for 10 or 12
years and was a duly qualified freeman
but had not paid his taxes prior to Feb.
15, 1915; hence the action taken. He
said the sole question related to the de-
finition of the qualification of a voter on
the referendum and argued that they
are statewide, not town meeting propo-
sitions. He was of the belief that be-
cause the questions are to be considered
on town meeting day, instead of before
or after, did not decide the qualifications
of the legal voter, the date being fixed by
the legislature as a matter of conveni-
ence. He held that the legislature had
not intended to be unfair and submit
the questions only to tax-paying free-
men and that to rule otherwise would
not be submitting the propositions to
the class of people in the state affected
by the enactments.

The attorney for the defendants
showed that the sections in the Perry
bill relating to the voting were taken
from the 1913 referendum on the State
House bill and that three years ago only
tax-paying freemen voted on that ques-
tion and he exhibited a Montpelier
checklist to bear out his statement.
The legislature, argued Attorney Har-
vey, had examples upon which to base
the present referendum and instead of
following the precedent established in
voting on the liquor question in 1892
and in 1902 they deliberately chose the
form used in 1913. Because of this he
contended that it was the intention of
the legislature to have only tax-paying
freemen vote on the questions to be vot-
ed upon March 7.

The petitioner's attorney, in reply
said that the 1913 State House referen-
dum had aroused but little interest, that
the matter had not been discussed and he
felt that if it had been, freemen
would have been allowed to vote on that
question.

BRATTLEBORO MAN FINED.

Having Pleaded Guilty to Keeping Liquor
with Intent to Sell.

Brattleboro, Feb. 29.—Judge Frank E.
Barber of the municipal court yesterday
afternoon found Emerico Pellegrino guilty
of keeping with intent to sell intoxicat-
ing liquors. A fine of \$300 with costs
of \$25.79 was imposed. Attorney A. F.
Schwenk for the respondent will take the
case to the supreme court. Pellegrino
was released on bail furnished by himself
of \$400.

Last month Sheriff C. E. Mann arrested
Pellegrino, who had been offering half
ounce bottles of liquors "to make whis-
key with." Analysis by the state chemist
showed that the contents of all of
them contained from 5.46 to 56.40 per
cent of common alcohol. The bottles
were obtained from a New York com-
pany which assured Pellegrino that he
would not require a license to sell them.
The case is regarded with unusual inter-
est by lawyers.

DIDN'T FURNISH BAIL.

Calvin Rich Charged Formally with As-
sault with Intent to Kill.

Rutland, Feb. 29.—Calvin Rich, the
Mendon Civil war veteran who was ar-
rested last Saturday as the outcome of
a drunken row at his home when John
McLaughlin of Rutland Town, a lumber-
jack, was stabbed three times with a
hunting knife, was arraigned before City
Judge F. G. Swinerton yesterday after-
noon on the charge of assault with in-
tent to kill while armed with a danger-
ous weapon. He waived examination
and was placed under bail of \$1,500, go-
ing to jail in default of security.

Harvey Ranger, who was at the house
during the brawl, was fined for intoxica-
tion.

McLaughlin has as yet developed no
signs of blood poisoning and will proba-
bly recover.

WOMAN BEATEN BY NEGROES.

Later Two Suspects Were Caught After
Chase in Boston.

Boston, Feb. 29.—Two negroes last
night entered the home of Miss Helen M.
Crane, an invalid, in the Auburndale
section of Newton, and after beating her
and Miss Anna H. Farrington, a com-
panion, into unconsciousness, robbed the
house.

Later, after a long chase and fight, po-
lice officers in the Back Bay district cap-
tured two men answering the descrip-
tions of the robbers. The couple, ac-
cording to the police, admitted their
guilt.

They gave their names as Albert
Saunders and Frank Sydney. Physicians
stated that the women, while seriously
injured, would not suffer any fatal ef-
fects.

CLEARS SHIPS
WITH GUNS

But U. S. Government Gets
Assurances Weapons Are
for Defense Only

ITALIAN VESSELS
NOW AT NEW YORK

The Giuseppe Verdi and San
Guglielmo Given Or-
ders To-day

Washington, D. C., Feb. 29.—The Ital-
ian liners Giuseppe Verdi and San Gug-
lielmo, which were at New York with
mounted guns aboard, were ordered
cleared to-day on assurances from the
Italian government that the armament
is for defensive purposes only.

Germany's Proposal Discussed.
The latest formal note from Germany
regarding the future conduct of subma-
rine warfare was before President Wil-
son and the cabinet to-day. Secretary
of State Lansing took with him to the
White House a pouch which was un-
derstood to contain the German memoran-
dum and other papers relating to the
case. It was indicated in well-informed
circles that the president would insist
on a strict interpretation of the rules of
international law and applying to Ger-
many's new submarine warfare.

ATTACK ON SHIPS
WILL BE STARTED
AT MIDNIGHT

Germany's Leading Statesmen Say That
German Memorandum Regarding the
Treatment of Armed Vessels Will
Positively Go into Effect.

Berlin, Monday, via London, Tuesday.
Feb. 29.—The Associated Press is in-
formed by Germany's leading statesmen
that the new rule of submarine warfare
announced in the German memorandum
regarding the future treatment of armed
merchantmen will positively be put into
effect at midnight to-morrow, Tuesday,
Feb. 29.

BARRE'S NEWEST GRANITE PLANT

Shield & Mills' Place is Located on Burn-
ham's Meadow.

One of the newer and busy granite
manufacturing plants in Barre is the
plant of Shield & Mills in Burnham's
meadow, which was recently completed
and is now one of the spots of humming
industry in the meadow. Conforming in
exterior lines to the more modern type
of granite manufacturing, it is equipped
with the latest machinery and will in
a plant whose owners are among the
men that are making Barre granite a
watchword wherever monumental build-
ing and ornamental stone is in demand.

The main shed has lateral dimensions
of 182 and 40 feet with an altitude that
permits of the introduction of interior
crane equipment and contributes materi-
ally to the ventilating facilities of the
plant. There are two wings, each having
wall dimensions of 24 and 32 feet. Three
polishing wheels have been installed and
the reputation long held by Mr. Mills
before Mr. entered the partnership with
Mr. Shield bids fair to be upheld in the
line of polished work. George Mills'
name had been linked with the polishing
end of the granite business for some
years even as Waldron Shield, the other
member of the firm, has been very active
in local wholesale circles in the past
eight years.

Facilities for shipping finished Barre
granite could not easily be improved.
The plant is located on a site just north
of the Hoyt & Miller shed, erected last
summer, and the Brown & Carroll plant,
which was the first of the more modern
plants in that section of Burnham's
meadow. A spur of the Central Vermont
railroad has been extended to the Shield
& Mills plant and needless to say there
is little delay in getting the finished
product aboard the cars. Mr. Mills de-
votes his whole attention to the manu-
facturing business, while Mr. Shield di-
vides his time between his wholesale oc-
cupation and the plant.

PETIT JURORS NAMED

For March Term of Washington County
Court.

The following petit jurors have been
drawn for the March term of Washing-
ton county court:
Barre City, Grant Lane, Harry Patter-
son; Barre Town, J. W. Averill, John
Osborn; Berlin, James H. Crozier, John
Holland; Cabot, P. K. Garney, S. A. Nel-
son; Calais, A. M. Robinson, B. E. San-
ders; Duxbury, A. M. Snow; East Mont-
pelier, William P. Cooley, A. F. White;
Fayston, S. H. Strong; Marshfield, Fred
Darling, Vere Clayton; Middlesex, Fred
A. Hills, Fred R. Miles; Montpelier, John
P. Mack, John F. Lee; Moretown, Leo
P. Brown, T. J. Farrell; Northfield,
Charles L. Holton, Guy H. Howe; Plain-
field, Addison E. Fox, Lucius L. Knapp;
Roxbury, Fred E. Cram, M. M. Goodell;
Waitsfield, Ziba H. McAllister, Oscar G.
Eaton; Warren, F. M. Blake; Waterbury,
W. H. Berlin, Nat S. Sawyer; Wood-
bury, Burt H. Nelson; Worcester, Martin
S. Herbert, Carroll Wheeler.

CARRIED OUT BY NURSES.

Seventeen Patients Escaped Flames in
Plymouth, N. H., Hospital.

Plymouth, N. H., Feb. 29.—Seventeen
patients of the Emily Balch Memorial
hospital were carried out by the nurses
when fire destroyed the building early
this morning. No one was injured.

NO AGREEMENT
AT QUINCY YET

But Report Came to Barre This After-
noon That Settlement Had Been
Made at Hardwick.

From authentic sources information
came over the wire to Barre this after-
noon concerning the industrial situation
in Quincy, Mass., and other New Eng-
land granite towns. In every instance
the manufacturers are holding out for a
bill that will expire in 1920, while the
cutters are contending for five-year bills.
The one and one-quarter inch tool is a
point in contention almost everywhere,
as the cutters are anxious to have the
one-inch tool represent the limit in size
while the manufacturers stand out for
an extension of a quarter-inch. It is re-
ported that an agreement has been
reached between the cutters and manu-
facturers in Hardwick, although this re-
port could not be verified this after-
noon. Elsewhere the two factions seem
to be hopelessly deadlocked so far as
reaching an agreement before to-morrow
morning, March 1, is concerned.

At Quincy, where conditions within
the ranks of labor, as well as between
the unions and the manufacturers, offer
a striking parallel to the conditions ex-
isting in Barre last spring, the two com-
mittees met jointly last night and failed
of reaching an agreement. Adjournment
was taken without any provisions for
another joint meeting. In Quincy, as
elsewhere, the cutters are contending for
five-year agreement, while the manu-
facturers seemed determined to have the
bill expire in 1920, or four years hence,
when the life of Barre's present bill
ceases. Cutters also insist on the elimi-
nation of the one and one-quarter inch
tool. To-night the union committee re-
ported to the branch meeting for instruc-
tions. It is expected that there will be
considerable agitation, as the divisional
lines within the cutters' organization are
drawn quite as sharply as the line of
cleavage in Barre in 1915. The Times
informant stated this afternoon that
there is little promise of a settlement in
Quincy by to-morrow morning.

Committees representing the manufac-
turers and the cutters in Westbury, R. I.,
met yesterday and as in Quincy the two
factions split on the question of when
the bill shall expire and the elimination
of the one and one-quarter inch tool.
Westbury cutters are anxious for a five-
year agreement, while the manufac-
turers ask that the tentative agreement
be operative in 1920. There is
a meeting of a cutters' branch this
evening and it is stated that there is a
possibility, although somewhat remote,
of acceding to the demands of the man-
ufacturers.

In Milford, N. H., the manufacturers'
committee and the union committee
have held only one meeting. A second
meeting will be held to-night, al-
though a settlement is scarcely looked
for. People familiar with conditions in
New Hampshire look for Milford to fol-
low Quincy. Fitzwilliam, N. H., com-
mittees met sometime ago and adjourned
and there are no immediate prospects of
a second meeting. The bill expires to-
night and the shops will probably be
closed to-morrow. There is a security
of work at Fitzwilliam. Keene, N. H.,
committees have not met recently, but
the cutters were expected to meet this
afternoon or evening to act on a propo-
sition submitted by the manufacturers.
The first meeting between the cutters'
and manufacturers' committees in Rock-
port, Mass., was scheduled for this morn-
ing, but no report had been received
from Rockport this afternoon.

THE QUINCY SITUATION.

"Some Slight Difficulties" Remain To Be
Settled.

Forecasting an agreement between the
Quincy granite manufacturers and cut-
ters, the Quincy (Mass.) Ledger last
evening had the following to say of the
proposed bill and others:

"The manufacturers have granted the
increase in wages the cutters demanded,
a minimum wage of \$4 a day for eight
hours from March 1, 1916, to March 1,
1919, and \$4.25 from March 1, 1919, to
March 1, 1921.

"Definite information as to the few
slight difficulties which remain is not
available but it is said that the principal
stumbling block is the length of time
the agreement is to run.

"A great deal depends on what devel-
ops within the next few days since other
unions have reached agreements but will
not sign them completely until they are
able to sign for the same term as the
cutters.

"The blacksmiths have practically se-
cured all that was asked. Their new
bill is 50 cents an hour or a \$4 day mini-
mum wage for a gang of 11 to 14 men;
all extra men at the rate of 31½ cents
an hour and each pieceman 33½ cents
an hour.

"The polishers, quarrymen and en-
gineers settled several weeks ago with
the exception of the length of time the
agreement will hold."

WOMAN BORN IN BRADFORD.

Mrs. Ella M. Pike Died Yesterday in
Bellows Falls.

Bellows Falls, Feb. 29.—Mrs. Ella M.
Pike, aged 63, wife of Loren W. Pike,
died early yesterday morning in her
home, 132 Atkinson street. She was
born in Bradford. She was a member of
the Universalist church. The funeral will
be held at 2 o'clock in the home. Re-
sides her husband, she leaves a sister,
Mrs. Emma Bacon of Lynn, Mass., and
two half-sisters.